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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	08/879,322
Filing Date	June 20, 1997
First Named Inventor	Allan S. Hodgson
Group Art Unit	2623
Examiner Name	M. Dastouri
Attorney Docket Number	803P019

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 15, 2001  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply 09/19/2001 STEFFERA 00000049 08879322
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:179 710.00 DP
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 710 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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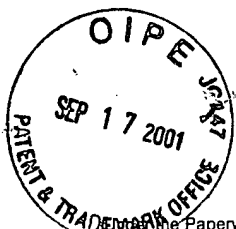
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<b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> <b>for FY 2001</b>  <i>Patent fees are subject to annual revision.</i>		<b>Complete if Known</b>	
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		Filing Date	June 20, 1997
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101 710 201 355 Utility filing fee 710-		147 2,520 147 2,520 For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
106 320 206 160 Design filing fee		112 920* 112 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
107 490 207 245 Plant filing fee		113 1,840* 113 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
108 710 208 355 Reissue filing fee		115 110 215 55 Extension for reply within first month	
114 150 214 75 Provisional filing fee		116 390 216 195 Extension for reply within second month	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ ) 710-		117 890 217 445 Extension for reply within third month	
<b>2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES</b>		118 1,390 218 695 Extension for reply within fourth month	
Total Claims: <input type="text"/> - 20** = <input type="text"/> X <input type="text"/> = <input type="text"/>		128 1,890 228 945 Extension for reply within fifth month	
Independent Claims: <input type="text"/> - 3** = <input type="text"/> X <input type="text"/> = <input type="text"/>		119 310 219 155 Notice of Appeal	
Multiple Dependent Claims: <input type="text"/> = <input type="text"/>		120 310 220 155 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
Large Entity Small Entity Fee Fee Fee Fee Code (\$) Code (\$) Fee Description Fee Paid		121 270 221 135 Request for oral hearing	
103 18 203 9 Claims in excess of 20		138 1,510 138 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
102 80 202 40 Independent claims in excess of 3		140 110 240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
104 270 204 135 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid		141 1,240 241 620 Petition to revive - unintentional	
109 80 209 40 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent		142 1,240 242 620 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above		122 130 122 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
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		126 240 126 240 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
		581 40 581 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
		146 710 246 355 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
		149 710 249 355 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
		179 710 279 355 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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